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International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer

The General Assembly,

Considering the urgent need to preserve the ozone layer, which is responsible for filtering sunlight and preventing the adverse effects of ultraviolet radiation reaching the Earth's surface, thereby preserving life on the planet,

Highlighting the importance of the implementation of the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer and its subsequent amendments, and the relevant role played by its Executive Committee,

Recognizing the strong commitment shown by signatory States and States parties to the Montreal Protocol, as well as by various concerned non-governmental organizations,

1. Proclaims 16 September as the International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer, commemorating the date, in 1987, on which the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer was signed;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary steps to ensure the successful observance of the International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer;

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* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

3. Calls upon all Member States to devote this special day to promotion, at the national level, of concrete activities in accordance with the objectives and goals of the Montreal Protocol and its amendments;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to make recommendations on ways and means through which the United Nations system can, without prejudice to ongoing activities, raise and make available the necessary resources, with a view to cooperating with Member States on the organization and promotion of various activities with respect to the observance of the International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer;

5. Also requests the Secretary-General to assist in the implementation of the present resolution.

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Observance of World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the relevant provisions of chapter 12 of Agenda 21, 1/ adopted by the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development,

Considering that the promotion of action to implement the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa, 2/ requires public awareness at local, national, regional and international levels,

Acknowledging that desertification and drought are problems of global dimension in that they affect all regions of the world and that joint action of the international community is needed to combat desertification and drought, particularly in Africa,

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* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

1/ Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janiero, 3-14 June 1992 (A/CONF.151/26/Rev.1 (Vol. I and Vol. I/Corr.1, Vol. II, Vol. III and Vol. III/Corr.1)) (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.93.I.8 and corrigenda), vol. I: Resolutions adopted by the Conference, resolution 1, annex II.

2/ A/49/84/Add.2, annex, appendix II.

Recognizing the importance and necessity of international cooperation and partnership in combating desertification and drought in accordance with the provision of the Convention, adopted by the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for the Elaboration of an International Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa, in Paris on 17 June 1994,

Recognizing also the strong commitment of the international community to implementing the Convention and its regional implementation annexes, 3/

1. Decides to proclaim 17 June as World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought, to be observed beginning in 1995;

2. Invites all States to devote the Day to promoting public awareness through the publication and diffusion of documentaries, and the organization of conferences, round-table meetings, seminars and expositions relating to international cooperation to combat desertification and drought and the implementation of the provisions of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa, and its regional implementation annexes;

3. Invites the Secretary-General to make recommendations on the ways and means by which the United Nations Secretariat could assist Member States, upon their request, in organizing their national activities for the observance of World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to make the necessary arrangements to ensure the success of the observance by the United Nations of World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought;

5. Invites all relevant United Nations bodies within their mandates and non-governmental organizations to promote World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to inform the General Assembly at its fiftieth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

3/ Ibid., annexes I-IV.